

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 2 and 5-18 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 2 and 5-18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 for the reasons indicated in the Office Action. In response, claim 11 has been canceled, and claims 1, 2, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 18 have been amended. No new matter is added by this Amendment.

Claims 1, 2 and 5-18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 for the reasons indicated in Office Action on pages 2-12. In response, claims 1, 2, 10, 15 and 18 have been amended as outlined in the Office Action. Claims 5-9 depend from claim 2, and claims 12-14, 16 and 17 depend from claim 10. Therefore, all pending claims 1, 2, 5-10, 12-18 are believed to be patentable.

CONCLUSION

The Applicants believe that all pending claims, claims 1, 2, 5-10, 12-18 are now in condition for allowance and a Notice of Allowance is requested. If, however, there remain any issues which can be addressed by telephone, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned.

If any fee is believed due in connection with this communication, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of such fee to Deposit Account No. 19-2090.

Respectfully submitted,

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